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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND ENDPOINT DEVICE AND INTERROGATOR

the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or

By (Inventors):

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| $\boxtimes$ | Formal drawings (Figs. 1-35; 35 sheets) are attached.   |
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| $\square$   | Use Figure for front page of Publication.   |
|             | A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  |
| $\sqcup$    | This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed   |
|             | (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)                |
| $\boxtimes$ | This patent application is assigned to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA.  |
|             | The executed Assignment is filed herewith.  |
|             | An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  |
|             | Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  |
|             | A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  |
| $\boxtimes$ | Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-111100 filed April 16, 2003 in Japan, No. 2003-095434 filed March 31, 2003    |
|             | in <u>Japan</u> and No. <u>2003-059851</u> filed <u>March 6, 2003</u> in <u>Japan</u> are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).     |
|             | A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.                                   |
|             | This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that |

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